

Chapter 8. CONCLUSION

Massachusetts Outdoors 2000! presents the available supply of open space and recreation in Massachusetts, engages in an examination of demand for resources and recreation opportunity, provides a discussion of pertinent resource issues, assesses recreation needs throughout the state on a region by region basis, and issues policy recommendations. The combined strength of these components supports SCORP's planning mandate to serve as Massachusetts' comprehensive open space and outdoor recreation plan for the next five years.

This plan, like its predecessors, will guide numerous acquisition, maintenance and programming decisions during its tenure. This plan provides important insights into Massachusetts' open space and recreation needs and will help focus attention on critical issues through the planning efforts of open space and recreation providers and the distribution of funds through grant decisions.

The final step in the SCORP process, and perhaps the most critical one, is the implementation of recommendations and strategies. The key element of any successful planning effort is focused, aggressive implementation. The *SCORP 2000* plan sets forth a series of innovative policies and recommendations and strategic needs assessments. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is committed to ensuring these policies and recommendations are promoted and achieved.

Ultimately, this plan serves the people of Massachusetts and therefore cannot be truly effective without the support and encouragement of the public - of anyone who treasures open space and recreation opportunity. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs invites the residents of Massachusetts to join in its efforts to promote the ideas presented in the *SCORP 2000* and help to ensure the protection of our environmental legacy.

Resources and References: State and Federal Contact List

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

- **Department of Housing and Community Development**

Provides planning and community development consulting services, and information on the Community Preservation Act.

www.state.ma.us/dhcd

One Congress Street, 10th Floor

Boston, MA 02114

Phone: (617) 727-7001

- **Executive Office of Administration and Finance**

Division of Capital Asset Management provides information about all state-owned land located within a municipality.

www.state.ma.us/cam

One Ashburton Place

Boston, MA 02108

Phone: (617) 727-4050

Fax: (617) 727-5363

- **Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA)**

EOEA includes the following environmental offices and agencies. Information on EOEA initiatives available online include Community Preservation, Open Space Protection, Biodiversity, Environmental Education, Pollution Prevention and the Watershed Initiative.

www.state.ma.us/envir

251 Causeway Street, Suite 900

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Phone: (617) 626-1000

Fax: (617) 626-1181

- **Office of Technical Assistance for Toxics Use Reduction**

A non-regulatory branch of EOEA helping manufacturers and industrial facilities, municipalities, schools, and hospitals, households and others reduce or eliminate their use of toxics and generation of hazardous byproducts.

www.state.ma.us/ota

Phone: (617) 626-1060

- **Division of Conservation Services**

Awards grants to municipalities for conservation and parkland acquisition, and for the development or renovation of public outdoor recreation facilities. Also provides technical assistance to groups for the preparation of Open Space and Recreation Plans, and to municipalities, land trusts, and private landowners on the Secretary's approval of conservation restrictions.

www.state.ma.us/dcs

Phone: (617) 626-1010

- Land and Water Conservation Fund – grants to municipalities and EOEA agencies for the acquisition of conservation land or parkland, and for the renovation or development of public outdoor recreation facilities.
 - Self-Help Grant Program – grants to municipal conservation commissions for the acquisition of conservation land.
 - Urban Self-Help Program – grants to municipal park departments for the acquisition of parkland and/or the renovation or development of public outdoor recreation facilities.
 - Conservation District Offices provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and offer environmental education programs. Their services are coordinated with DCS and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (see below under Federal Agencies) to help landowners manage their natural resources, practice state of the art agricultural methods, and remedy soil and water erosion problems. Contact the Executive Secretary to the State Commission for Soil, Water and Related Resources at (617) 626-1013 for your district office.

- **Coastal Zone Management**

Provides technical assistance to municipalities, and programs such as the Harbor Planning Program promoting sustainable development in these vital economic areas.

www.state.ma.us/czm

251 Causeway St., Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114-2119
Phone: (617) 626-1200
FAX: (617) 626-1240

- **Wetlands Restoration Program information line: (617) 626-1177.**
- **MassGIS**

<http://www.state.ma.us/mgis/massgis.htm>

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- **EOEA: Department of Environmental Management**

www.state.ma.us/dem

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- **Area of Critical Environmental Concern Program**

www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/acec/index.htm

Identifies and analyzes critical resource areas for designation as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

- **Coastal Access Program**

www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/acec/index.htm

Coordinates, promotes, and implements programs to improve public access to the coast within the Commonwealth.

- **Greenways and Trails Programs**

www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/coastal/coastal.htm

Plans for and coordinates protection of Massachusetts greenways, trails and rivers; includes grants program.

- **Lakes and Ponds**

www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/lakepond/lakepond.htm

Ongoing lake quality monitoring for DEM and other public lakes; public education, workshops, technical assistance, small grants; contract supervision of the Clean Lakes projects.

- **Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program**

www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/histland/histland.htm

Provides grants and technical assistance for the preservation of municipally owned historic landscapes listed or eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places.

- **EOEA: Department of Environmental Protection**

www.state.ma.us/dep

1 Winter Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: (617) 292-5500

- **Wetlands Protection Program**

www.state.ma.us/dep/consumer/protwet.htm

- **Wetlands Conservancy Program**

www.state.ma.us/dep/consumer/protwet.htm

- **Division of Municipal Services Grants Programs**

www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/mf/files/grantfs.htm

- Water Quality Management Planning Program
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Program
- Water Quality and Wetlands Program

- **Network of Home Composters Workshops**

www.state.ma.us/dep/consumer/comwkshp.htm

- **Drinking Water Program**

www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws

- **EOEA: Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement**

www.state.ma.us/dfwele

251 Causeway Street, Suite 400

Boston, MA 02114-2104

(617) 626-1500

- **Massachusetts Riverways Programs**

Staff provides technical assistance and outreach to communities, citizen groups and others on various aspects of river, stream and watershed protection, restoration and stewardship. Visit online for information on the Adopt-A-Stream Program and the River Restore Program.

www.state.ma.us/dfwele/river

- **Education Programs**

www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/dfweduc

- **Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program:**

www.state.ma.us/dfwele/nhESP/heritage

- **EOEA: Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)**

The majority of state parks and reservations within the metropolitan Boston area are under the jurisdiction of the MDC.

www.state.ma.us/mdc

20 Somerset Street

Boston, MA 02108

Phone: (617) 727-5114

- ◆ The MDC Division of Watershed Management administers the Technical Assistance Grant Program to give technical assistance to the communities affected by the Watershed Protection Act of 1992.

- **EOEA: Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA)**

Contact the Bureau of Land Use for information on the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program which protects prime farmland, and the Farmland Stewardship Program which leases state owned farmland to local farmers statewide.

www.massdfa.org

251 Causeway Street, Suite 500

Boston, MA 02114

Phone: (617) 626-1700

Fax: (617) 626-1850

- **Massachusetts Historical Commission**

This is the state historic preservation office that identifies, evaluates and protects the Commonwealth's important historic and archaeological resources.

www.state.ma.us/sec/mhc

220 Morrissey Boulevard

Boston, MA 02125

Phone: (617) 727-8470

Fax: (617) 727-5128

TCC: 1-800-392-6090

- **University of Massachusetts at Amherst**

- UMass Extension State Offices and programs including Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation are online at www.umass.edu/umext.
 - The Center for Rural Massachusetts is online at www-unix.oit.umass.edu/~ruralma/index.html.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

- United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Provides technical information pertaining to the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

www.nrcs.usda.gov

451 West Street

Amherst, MA 01002

Phone: (413) 253-4351

- United States Department of the Interior
 - ◆ National Park Service online at www.nps.gov.
 - ◆ River and Trail Conservation Assistance Program online at www.nps.gov/rtca
 - ◆ Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program UPARR: www.ncrc.nps.gov/uparr
 - National Park Service
 - Northeast Region
 - US Customs House
 - Stewardship and Partnership
 - 200 Chestnut Street
 - Philadelphia, PA 19106
 - Phone: (215) 597-9195

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